

CALL THE BALL

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**SAFETY
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**"SPECIAL GUEST "
Leadership class**

UNIFORM OF THE DAY 1 & 3rd weeks BDU — 2 & 4th BLUES!



COMMANDERS CORNER: Be proud of who you are! Yes, once again I'm hoping to persuade you to inform others of your association with Civil Air Patrol. Some members seem to be ashamed that they are not "real Air Force Men" and discribe their activities as part of the Air Force or I'm an Air Force Auxliary member etc. All true but what is wrong with Civil Air Patrol? Nothing as far as I'm concerned. Who does 85% of inland Search and Rescue? We do! The Air Force in involved for it is they who call us (AFRCC) but when it slogging in the mud looking for missing kids or little old ladies, flying around looking for missing aircraft, sandbagging flooded areas and hundreds of other things it's the good ol' CAP that pulls up the sleeves and gets to work.

New Editor:

I've had a lot of fun as your editor and have been poking out the print since our first inhouse newsletter. So it is with great relief that I turn newsletter duties over to FO Paul Butchie. Aid him by writing for the newsletter OR finding worthy text to add to it. Coughing up two pages of material is NO fun when there is only one person paddling the canoe!

Alumni News:

It's great to hear from our cadet (and senior alumni) and this month we hear from former cadet Ken Takada. He says, "Hello again, I've been stationed at NAS Oceana for the past month, soon to be deploying with Carrier Wing 5 working with The Black Knights of VF-154 and also with VS-21, The Fighting Redtails(Mark's squadron) out of Naval Air Facility Atsugi. The USS Kitty Hawk is currently deployed and coming back into port on 18 Dec. We're prepping for a spring cruise, so says my LPO(Leading Petty Officer). Since I'll be in Japan soon, I have no choice but to abandon my efforts for a Navy commission, at least until I get back stateside. On the plus side, I did just get my GED about a week ago. Well, I'm going to get going now sir. Thanks for writing the updates on "Call the Ball" Sincerely, PHAA(Photographer's Mate Airman Apprentice) K. Takada, USN"

Provoking thought by Chaplain D. Mikitta

Here's a thought provoking statement I read in a book just a couple of minutes ago. The book is called "Winning

Every Day"... Leaders must challenge and inspire. I know that many people today believe that demanding excellence is politically incorrect. We are supposed to accept whatever an individual gives us as the natural expression of his ability and not pressure him or her by asking for anything more. Nonsense.



Guest Lecturer:

Thanks to the efforts of Col Modder we have a 1st rate guest for our 4th week meeting. Named "Most Outstanding Lieutenant" in his Air Force pilot training class, Named "Top Academic" and "Top Gun" in his F-111 training class. Ranked #1 out of more than 200 instructor pilots at the Air Force fighter lead-in course. Selected as the Air Force Academy's outstanding junior officer from more than 700 considered. Squadron "Top Gun" and flight commander in the F-16C. Members are en-

couraged to visit www.9gs.org Check out this very cool site from our guest ledcturer on the 4th week meeting! Join me in Looking forward to this leadership and airmanship opportunity. I encourage everyone to check out his book "Lift." If you buy a copy I think he might be convinced to autograph them

Check out that last Verse!

In Jerry Poirnelles book "There will be war" he wrote, "When you enter West Point, you find that the Army doesn't care a hang about the first verses of the Star Spangled Banner. It's the last verse you must learn." When I was a new member I remember seeing the rest of the Natinal anthem posted on the door of the senior room. How many of you know all the words?

O SAY, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming; And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there; O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep, Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep, As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses? Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam, In full glory reflected now shines on the stream; 'Tis the star-spangled banner; long may it wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion A home and a country should leave us no more? Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution. No refuge could save the hireling and slave, From the terror of flight and the gloom of the grave; And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!



O! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand Between their loved homes and the war's desolation! Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land, Praise the power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just. And this be our motto—"In God is our trust;" And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave.

A good book and Mr Pournelle Who I've had the pleasure to spend an evening chatting with is an all around good egg. Also a heck of an author as well! Check out his books!

One way to get into an F15:

A cadet is building his own F15 Simulator in his garage! <http://www.f15sim.com/index.html>

Top 10 Things I wish I had done as Cadet Commander:

*From Cadetstuff.org

10. Plan more activities for the cadets. I've learned that cadets are most happy when they are active. I've also learned that you need to step up to the plate, plan the activity, and present it to the Senior Members. The Senior Members will not plan everything for you.

9. Looked at situations differently so that I could see the problem before it became a problem and was harder to fix. Most of the problems I experienced with cadets occurred once the situation was too complicated, and thus harder to fix. Because of this, some drastic situations had to take place, and I wound up having a couple of cadets transfer out of the squadron because of this.

8. Realized that even though it is proper to give your cadets a chance to do things before yourself, you still need to do activities also. Every time an activity occurred, I let the cadets do everything before myself out of common courtesy. But by the time my turn for the activity arrived, there was not enough time to participate. Because of this CAP became very dull. Realize that you need to have some fun, too.

7. Delegate more authority to more people. For most of my time as Cadet Commander, I found myself doing all of the work. Because of this, I got burned out by the end of my term. If I would have delegated a significant amount of the responsibility, it would have made my life a lot less stressful.

6. Got over my fear of those below me doing the job not as efficiently as myself. This ties in with number 7 because I always thought that I could do everything quicker and better than anybody else, so I would do the job. But then I learned that nobody else gets any experience in being a leader if this is the case. Let the item that needs to be done take a little more time, and one cadet will have a little more experience because of it.

5. Stop worrying about pleasing all of the people all of the time. I've learned that you can please some of the people all of the time, all of the people some of the time, but you can never please all of the people all of the time. I think that the time spent worrying

about pleasing everybody could have been spent doing what was good for the squadron as a whole.

4. Been more organized. I often found myself in a situation where paperwork couldn't be found, which presented a problem. Although I had a file box system in place for myself, I should have kept it more updated.

3. Listen to the Senior Members. Instead of procrastinating some of things that the Senior Member's said, I would listen to their advice. I've learned that Senior Members usually have much more experience than you do, and most of the time, their advice is the best course of action. Now, I'm not saying that I would follow the Senior Members blindly, but I would take their advice more into consideration and revise it to fit exactly what I wanted. Also, take the time to thank Senior Members fairly often. Many cadets do not realize the sacrifice that they go through to make CAP fun for us, and by thanking them for what they do, they are willing to do more for the cadets.

2. Be in the room every time a cadet is being promoted. I've learned that one of the greatest aspects of being a Cadet Commander is seeing a cadet succeed under your influence. And the Number One Thing I Wish I'd Done Differently as Cadet Commander:

1. Enjoy every day of being a Cadet Commander. I've learned that it is important to run each meeting to the fullest, because before you know it, you know longer have control of what occurs. Get everything done that you want to happen, but also step back and just enjoy the success of your squadron.

Making Cadet Staff Assignments:

Assign cadets support staff roles with senior counterpart. Logistics (supply), PAO (does the monthly newsletter), Admin, Communications, Aerospace Ed (he oversees the cadet mentoring program), Emergency Services (helps teach some ground SAR courses and helps keep rosters and logs updated), Safety, Operations (works on various things including special activities), and whatever other positions your Squadron has that perform a worthwhile function on a regular basis. The idea is for the cadets to learn about staff positions; we do that in writing and call it Staff Duty Analysis. (SDA) The key here is we are looking for opportunities for leadership for the cadets who need and deserve them. We are not looking to fill up a manning table with a bunch of names, i.e. assign C/A Jones to that job he's been in three weeks, got his first stripe fast, we need a large staff, and we don't really need anybody to do the job anyway. When you get large enough, except for testing, each senior has a cadet counterpart. Some do more than others but a big part of that is how much the cadet wants to learn and do. If he wants to work hard he can almost do the job on his own with moderate supervision.



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